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SUBJECT: CUSTODY OF VESSEL "ALBATROSS II"
REF: GEORGETOWN 4066
1. ON BASIS OF PRESENT FACTS DEPARTMENT DOES NOT BELIEVE EMBASSY BRIDGETOWN SHOULD CONSULT WITH GOG REGARDING ATTACHMENT OF CONSULAR SEALS TO THE ALBATROSS AND POSSIBILITY OF DETENTION OF VESSEL BY GOB. OBSTACLES TO THAT COURSE OF ACTION ARE PANAMANIAN REGISTRATION THAT PRESENTS DIFFICULTY IN OUR ASSERTING JURISDICTION WITH RESPECT TO VESSEL AND RELUCTANCE TO INCUR BERTHING CHARGES FOR VESSEL TO WHICH WE ARE MORE UNLIKELY TO BE ABLE TO LAY CLAIM.
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2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY PANAMA FURNISHING PARTICULARS WITH RESPECT TO PANAMANIAN CORPORATION THAT OWNS ALBATROSS IF THAT IS POSSIBLE. VANCE
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